

PROCLAMATION

In accordance with established custom in this State, I, Tom Berry, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby designate April 12, 1935, as Arbor and Bird Day for the State of South Dakota.

Trees have long demonstrated their usefulness in contributing to the comfort of human beings and animals, and farmer owners of windbreaks have harvested good crops in the shelter of them despite prevailing drouth conditions. The seriousness of the drouth and wind erosion problems in South Dakota and other prairie states has become so apparent that the Federal Government has established shelterbelt projects to the end that drouth resisting trees and shrubs may be planted to conserve moisture and check soil erosion.

The wild life production of an area is largely measured by the extent of forest land, and the shelterbelt strips of forest will be of particular value in increasing the production of wild life in our state.

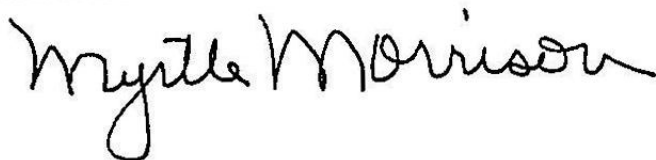
At a time when our citizens will have the advantage of observing the planting methods employed by trained foresters and the selection of tree and shrub varieties made, I believe that schools and all civic and community organizations should plan to give definite impetus to a State-wide program which promises so much of good for South Dakota. To the school children of the state I give a special charge to acquaint themselves with the value of trees, shrubbery and wild life, as theirs will be the duty of carrying on the projects which are now being initiated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 19th day of March, 1935.


Tom Berry, Governor

ATTEST:


Myrtle Morrison

(Seal of State)

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